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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP (STONE, RICHARD)

SUBJECT:CODEL STONE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT

REF: CAIRO 9655

1. SEVERAL STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO SENATOR STONE IN PARA 5 (MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS) OF REFTEL SEEM TO US TO GIVE SOMEWHAT OF A MISLEADING IMPRESSION OF CURRENT ISRAELI PUBLIC ATTITUDES.

2. SENATOR STONE IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "ISRAELI PUBLIC OPINION SIMPLY NOT READY TO ACCEPT SETTLEMENT AT PRESENT." THIS STATEMENT SHOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED FLATLY SINCE WE FEEL THERE ARE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A SETTLEMENT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ISRAELI PUBLIC OPINION. THE CONDITIONS LARGEMLY RELATE TO THE TYPE OF PEACE

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THE ISRAELIS ARE OFFERED.

3. OF MORE CONCERN IS THE STATEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE: "BEGIN HAS STATED THAT SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS COULD BE EXPECTED IN THE SINAI AND GOLAN AND (MUCH MORE DIFFICULT) WEST BANK." NOTHING THAT BEGIN HAS SAID PUBLICLY LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT HE IS NOW

PREPARED FOR CONCESSION OF ANY KIND ON THE WEST BANK. HOWEVER, BEGIN MAY HAVE BEEN MORE FLEXIBLE DURING HIS TWO TETE-A-TETE CONVERSATIONS WITH STONE. THE SENATOR HINTED AS MUCH TO THE AMBASSADOR AFTER THOSE MEETINGS. BUT WE CAN IMAGINE THAT SADAT LEFT THE CONVERSATION WITH AN IMPRESSION OF SOME "GIVE" IN BEGIN'S POSITION ON THAT ISSUE WHICH COULD LATER LEAD HIM TO FEEL THAT HE HAD BEEN MISLED.

4. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER WHETHER THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE RAISED WITH SENATOR STONE. AMBASSADOR EILTS WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO JUDGE WHETHER ANY ACTION NEED BE TAKEN WITH THE EGYPTIANS TO PUT THESE TWO ISSUES INTO BETTER PERSPECTIVE.

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